

**Late Binding of Variables During Test Case Generation  
for Hardware and Software Design Verification**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Methods and systems are provided that improve design  
5 verification by test generators by delaying assignment of  
values in the generated stimuli until these values are  
used in the design. Late binding allows the generator to  
have a more accurate view of the state of the design, and  
in order to choose correct values. Late binding can sig-  
10 nificantly improve test coverage with a reasonable per-  
formance penalty as measured by simulation time.